



Bravo Zulu

Naval Security Group Activity

Navy Commendation Medal
CTR1(SW) K. W. Brooks

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

CTT1(AW/NAC) C. W. Nicosia

CTM2(SS) R. F. Fink

CTM2 W. J. Garner

CTT2 C. J. Saxton

CTT2 M. D. Wager

Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center

**Senior Shore Sailor of the Quarter/Letter of
Commendation**

IT1 Julie A. Conyer

**Senior Sea Sailor of the Quarter/Letter of
Commendation**

AG1 eric B. Pivin

**Junior Shore Sailor of the Quarter/Letter of
Commendation**

ET3 Matthew L. White

**Junior Sea Sailor of the Quarter/Letter of
Commendation**

AGAN(SW) Jatasey A. Gibbs

USS Hopper (DDG 70)

Navy Commendation Medal

Lt. j. g. Nicole Fox

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
BM2(SW) Tae Shin

Surface Warfare Officer Qualifications

Lt. j. g. John Montgomery

Lt. j. g. Matthew Parrish

Lt. j. g. Carrie Spannagel

Lt. j. g. Joe Wong

ESWS Qualified

IS1(SW) John M. Lavalley

SM2(SW) Tamara L. Land

SH1(SW) Terry L. Hood

STG1(SW) William D. Callaway

IC2(SW) Veron L. Bailey

STG2(SW) Marcus D. Miree

BM2(SW) Tae Shin

EW1(SW) Scott Severson

EN1(SW) David Pelton

GSE1(SW) Richard Kriener

EM2(SW) Bradford Webb

FC2(SW) Scott Nell

HT1(SW) Thomas Jacob

FN(SW) Jason Caldera

SK1(SW) Daniel Malaki

GM1(SW) Raymond Moreno

DC2(SW) Charles Briggs

Letter of Commendation

SE1(SW) Manuel Veloz

OS3 Rebecca Meyers

ET2 Harvie Brown

MS1(SW/AW) Anthony Robinson

MS2 Brian Kreuziger

MS2(SW) Craig Gorman

MS2 Rolando Cabalar

OS2 Ryan Graham

Good Conduct Medal

GSM2 Nicholas Moscariello

ET3 Lisa Baluck

IT2(SW) Juan Luna

SH2 Jose Lopezornelas

DC2(SW) Charles Briggs

TM3 Kristopher Boyd

IC2 Vernon Bailey

STG2(SW) Thomas Chavez

MS2 Rolando Cabalar

IT1(SW) Frederick Woods

SM2(SW) Ohnjay Marino

ETC(SW) Kevin Pope

SK1 Leo Raquel

HT1(SW) Thomas Jacob

ETC(SW) William Johnson

Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. David F. Hoel

Humanitarian Service Medal

Lt. Cmdr. Laurel A. May

Lt. David F. Hoel

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

HM2 Robert L. Ramirez

Humanitarian Service Medal

HMC(AW/FMF) Michael Duran

Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

EN1 Scott M. Dolsen

USS Russell lends a hand to East Timor children

By Lt.j.g. Orrin J. H.
Johnson

USS RUSSELL

On her way home from a highly successful Arabian Gulf deployment, USS Russell (DDG 59) was routed to Dili, East Timor for one of the ship's most memorable stops.

The Pearl Harbor homeported destroyer was tasked to assist the United States Support Group, East Timor (USGET) in rebuilding efforts in that ravaged region. The small island nation just north of Australia was devastated by Indonesian forces following East Timor's vote for independence. And the area's buildings and infrastructure were largely burned and otherwise destroyed.

USGET coordinates all U.S. military efforts on the island. Every month, a U.S. Navy ship visits Dili as part of an on-going U.S. Pacific Command operation to assist and support the joint service detachment. From June 14 - 16, Russell anchored in Dili Harbor to execute this mission.

During this visit, more than 150 Russell Sailors volunteered to restore three Dili schools. Men from all ranks and rates rolled paint, cleaned out rooms, and fixed furniture. Midshipmen from the Naval Academy on a training cruise turned out in force.

"I could not imagine a better cruise experience," said Midshipmen First Class Kyle Jason of Warwick, NY. "Having been here will make

me a better officer in all kinds of ways."

A few local children gathered to watch in the mornings, and by the end of each day there was a swarm of them, helping out wherever they could, playing with inflated rubber gloves, and all the while grinning from ear to ear.

"We gave the kids most of the stuff from our MRE's [Meals Ready to Eat], like the extra food, and all the candy," said Fire Controlman 1st Class(SW) Dan Shields of Lafayette, Tenn.

"All the kids were very appreciative. It was amazing and fulfilling. Even the leftover bottles from our water were a big deal to them."

Children weren't the only ones whose days were brightened by the arrival of the warship. Stationed alongside the U.S. forces in East Timor, troops from Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and many other countries make up a United Nations force known as UNTAET (United Nations Transitional Administration, East Timor). USGET and UNTAET troops alike were welcomed aboard and given tours by Russell Sailors. The troops flooded the ship's store, and enjoyed sampling mess deck cuisine.

The ship's Supply Department provided the USGET barge with freshly baked pizzas, cold sodas, and two barbers who gave more than 100 haircuts during the stay. One of Russell's Interior Communications Electricians,



USS Russell Public Affairs photo

Local children in East Timor gathered to watch USS Russell Sailors work as more than 150 crewmembers volunteered to restore three Dili schools.

IC1(SW) Darryl Jones of Missoula, Mont. went to the barge on which the soldiers lived, and fixed their bedeviled satellite TV system. Morale for the contingent, by their own accounts, had never been so high.

As Russell weighed anchor on the third day, the crew looked back at East Timor that, from Dili Harbor itself, didn't look that much different from their own home island of Oahu.

"With all the work done in the Arabian Gulf during deployment, from boardings to plane guard duties, I believe the Dili visit was the most important and fulfilling duty that Russell participated in," said Fire Controlmen Second Class (SW) Conrad.

"Personally, I would have rather done this sort of work for the entire six months, I was proud to demonstrate that the United States military is a valuable asset to not only the defense of our borders, but also to the well being of the people of the world," said Conrad.

This sentiment was echoed by almost everyone, and not a single member of the crew left untouched.

"The children were having classes without desks, chairs, pencils, papers, books, etc. Despite of all that, you can see the smile in their faces and enthusiasm of having us around," said Salt Lake City, Utah native Chief Dispursng Clerk(SW) Rusty Torio.

"The experience has made me a very grateful person."

USS Hopper conducts Battle of Midway ceremony in Arabian Gulf

By Lt.j.g. Carrie
Spannagel

USS HOPPER

USS Hopper (DDG 70) celebrated the 58th anniversary of the Battle of Midway with a ceremony on the ship's flight deck while operating in the Arabian Gulf, June 4. Lt. Scott Shepard, weapons officer, addressed the crew and stated that the purpose of the celebration was to recognize and commemorate the sacrifices made not only by the Sailors of the Battle of Midway but by all American Sailors in every war and conflict in United States history, from the Revolutionary War to today's conflicts in the Arabian Gulf and elsewhere.

Following Lt. Shepard's address, Lt. Cmdr. Paul Schlise, combat systems officer, delivered an invocation and the Commanding Officer, Cmdr. John W. Peterson, addressed the crew. Peterson provided insight into the Battle of Midway stating its importance as the turning point of World War II for the allied countries.

Against seemingly insurmountable odds, three American carriers, USS Yorktown, USS Enterprise, and USS Hornet fought against and defeated a Japanese fleet consisting of four carriers and dozens of battleships, cruisers, and de-

stroyers.

The battle came full circle for the four Japanese carriers sunk off Midway as they had been crucial to the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor just six months earlier.

The battle was won at the cost of USS Yorktown, in action at Midway after an amaz-

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ing 72-hour repair effort completed at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard after Yorktown was heavily damaged in the Battle of the Coral Sea in early May. With the large loss of life in this battle, a moment of silence was held for all those who died in service to their countries.

The ceremony was concluded with the playing of the Navy Hymn and Taps.

Following the ceremony, Hopper's Food Service team treated the crew to a special Surf and Turf meal.

After dinner, Hopper's Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department supplied popcorn and sodas for the crew and the movie "Midway" starring Charlton Heston and Henry Fonda was shown on the Flight Deck.

Ensign Kelly Twiggs, Hopper's Electronics Warfare Officer, stated, "the ceremony was very moving and it was interesting to see how far we have come as a service after watching the movie."

Leading Petty Officer Sonar Technician 1st Class Shawn Devlin remarked, "After watching the movie with some actual footage of the war, I was able to associate such names as Nimitz, Spruance, and Fletcher with positions and situations."

The Battle of Midway ceremony was conducted after an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding performers in Hopper's crew.

The day provided Hopper Sailors an opportunity to take a break from their busy Arabian Gulf operational schedule and reflect on the traditions of honor, courage, and commitment demonstrated by the brave men who fought and won a great victory at Midway not that many years ago.

Master Chief Brennan retires after 30 years of service

By YNC(SW) D. Mark Bell

*SPECIAL PROJECTS, PATROL
SQUADRON TWO*

Master Chief Personnelman (AW) Beverly E. Brennan, the Navy's Senior Enlisted Woman and first female Command Master Chief of an operational squadron, will retire after 30 years of dedicated and honorable service on June 30.

PNCM(AW) Brennan will be piped over the side in a ceremony to be held at Special Projects Patrol Squadron Two, Hangar 105 "Home of the Wizards," Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe.

During her 30-year career, she served at 12 different commands, most notably at Patrol Wing Nine, Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii where she was selected as the first female Command Master Chief of an operational squadron.

PNCM(AW) Brennan was designated an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist in April 1993. Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards), Good Conduct Medal (8 awards), and various service and unit awards. She received the 1981 Honolulu Council Navy League Outstanding Service Award and the 1990 Rear Adm. Jack McAuliffe Award as Outstanding Enlisted Ashore.

Throughout the past 30 years, PNCM(AW) Brennan has been a pioneer for all females in the Navy and the role model for countless thousands of Sailors regardless of gender.

Her patience, guidance, genuine concern and enthusiastic involvement in career development have made a tremendous impact on her troops and will be genuinely missed.

Brennan says the success and professional growth of the personnel she has influenced over the years is her greatest personal accomplishment.

When asked what advice she would give current and future women in the Navy she replied, "The best advice I can give applies to all members of the Navy; take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself and have fun doing it."

Pearl Harbor Dental officer nominated for excellence award



JPCS(SW) Phil Eggman photo

Naval Dental Center Pearl Harbor Fleet Liaison Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Munley was recently nominated for The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Award for Excellence in Military Medicine. Lt. Cmdr. Munley was chosen, out of approximately 700 dental officers, to represent the Navy Dental Corps. The annual award is sponsored by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and co-sponsored by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)), and the President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS).